

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #84-18 Building Date: ca. 1850-61
Building Name: Bealle-Middleton House
Location: 15801 Sharpersville Road, Accokeek, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Bealle-Middleton house (Spencer House) is on a hill directly over a "T" intersection at Accokeek and Middleton Roads. It is two stories, of frame, gable roofed with a roughly "L" shaped plan. Its plan is complex due to many additions over the years. The five bay east (front) facade has central entrance with an upper glass pane surrounded by egg and dart molding. There is egg and dart molding around the sidelights and three pane transom. The windows are 1/1 with plain wood surrounds throughout the building. The fourth and fifth bays of the east facade are beneath a cross gable with a lunette window centered in the attic level. A corbelled brick chimney is centered at the roof ridge. The one-story entrance porch with chamfered wood posts and jigsaw brackets crosses the east facade and continues for three bays across the north facade. The fourth and fifth bays of the north facade are beneath a projecting gable end with a central, corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge. The house has German siding, and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is patterned tin, the cornice boxed, with a crown molding. The west facade has a gable upon which is an exterior brick chimney. The south (rear) facade is in the ell, which is filled by a one-story shed-roof addition. On the second story of the main block are two bays of 6/6 windows, perhaps indicating an older wing. There is a one-story, flat roofed semi-octagonal bay on the south gable end.

Significance

The Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is a highly visible dwelling, commanding the entrance to Middleton Road from 373 (Accokeek Road). It is significant for its architecture and its history. The house is situated on two acres known as Sharpersville, also the name of the surrounding crossroads area. The house was probably built between 1850 and 1864 by Philip Bealle. It was acquired by Alexis L. Middleton in 1878. Middleton (1833-1906), a farmer and a physician, owned much property in the area. His home was northeast of the Bealle-Middleton House, on a farm he called Apple Valley. This house was the home of his son, Alexander Middleton. The property was owned by the Middletons until 1962. The family has inhabited the southern County since the 18th century. The house is typical of vernacular dwellings built in the late 19th century. Characteristics include its "L" shaped plan, cross gables with lunette windows and facade-wide bracketed entrance porch.

Acreage: 3 acres

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bealle-Middleton House (John Spencer House)and/or common Middleton House

2. Location

street & number 15801 Sharperville Road (Maryland Route A867) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Accokeek Piscataway
☒ vicinity of congressional district 4

state _____ county _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. David A. Lambert, Sr.street & number 15801 Sharpersville Road telephone no.: _____city, town Accokeek state and zip code Md. 20607

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5341street & number Main Street folio 467city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and District Plandate July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ localrepository for survey records History Division-MNCPPCcity, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. FC 84-18

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is situated on a hillock directly over a "T" intersection at Accokeek and Middleton Roads. It is two stories, of frame, gable roofed with a roughly "L" shaped plan. The plan has added complexity due to many additions over the years.

The five bay east (front) facade has a central entrance with an upper glass panel surrounded by egg and dart molding. There is egg and dart molding around the sidelights and three pane transom. The windows flanking the entrance are 1/1 double hung sash with plain wood surrounds, as they are throughout the building. The fourth and fifth bays of the east facade are beneath a cross gable with a lunette window centered in the attic level. This motif is also found on the north and south gable ends. There is a corbelled brick chimney centered at the roof ridge. The one-story entrance porch with chamfered wood posts and jigsaw brackets crosses the east facade and continues for three bays across the north facade. The fourth and fifth bays of the north facade are beneath a projecting gable end with a central, corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge.

The House is covered with German siding. The foundation is brick covered by cement under some of the structure, and cement under the additions. The roof is of patterned tin. The cornice throughout the structure is boxed, with a simple crown molding.

The west facade has a gable upon which is a large, exterior corbelled brick chimney. The base of the chimney is covered by a one-story shed roof addition which runs across the west and south facades in an "L" shape.

The south (rear) facade is in the ell, which is filled by the one-story shed-roof addition. Above the addition, on the second story of the main block are two bays of 6/6 windows, perhaps indicating an older wing. There is a one-story, flat roofed semi-octagonal bay on the projecting south gable end.

South of the house is a frame, one-and-one-half-story outbuilding with a standing seam metal gable roof and vertical wood siding. It is set on brick piers and has one entrance in the gable end. There is also a one-story, one-bay gable roof structure of concrete block directly southwest of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG-84-18

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1850-61 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is a large ca. 1860 vernacular dwelling in a highly visible location, commanding the entrance to Middleton Road from Route 373 (Accokeek Road). It is significant for its architecture and its history.

The house is situated on two acres known as Sharpersville, also the name of the surrounding crossroads area. The house was probably built between 1850 and 1864 when the property was in the ownership of Philip Bealle.¹

The property was acquired by Alexius L. Middleton in 1878.² Middleton (1833-1906), a farmer and a physician, owned a great deal of property in the Piscataway area.³ He made his home northeast of the Bealle-Middleton House, across Accokeek Road on a farm he called Apple Valley. The Bealle-Middletown House was the home of his son, Alexander Middleton.⁴ The property was owned by the Middleton family until 1962.⁵ The Middletons are a family who have inhabited southern Prince George's County since the eighteenth century.⁶

The house is typical of vernacular dwellings built in the County during the late nineteenth century. Characteristics it shares with houses built during the period include its "L" shaped plan, cross gables with lunette windows and facade-wide bracketed entrance porch.

Notes

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 7:139, 1850 and FS 1:253, 1864.

² Ibid. HB 14:61, 1878.

³ Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, Piscataway District, 1888, 12,216.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.72 acres

Tax Map 152, parcel 83

Quadrangle name Piscataway, Sec. D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September, 1985street & number 14743 Govenor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

#8. Continued

4 The Middletons and Kindred Families of Southern Maryland, Daniel Boone Lloyd, Bethesda, Maryland, 1975, pg. 269.

5 Land Records of Prince George's County, Equity #B-5658, 1962.

6 Daniel Boone Lloyd, op. cit.

PA. # 84-18-
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: John Spencer House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: T. B.-Accokeek Road and Middleton Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Accokeek				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Ruth Fisher (Tenant: Miller)				
STREET AND NUMBER: 261 Congressional Lane				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade with a porch with bracketed posts. The two north bays have a forward-facing gable; it is the gable end of a wing that once was the main house block. The west end of this wing has a large external brick chimney with a one story base. There is a second wing extending north from the first wing.

The house is sheathed with asbestos siding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

31 July 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Bealle-Middleton House
P.G. #84-18

#4902:521
14 Mar 1978
Deed

Ruth Fisher to David A. and Georgia L. Lambert; 3.3162 acres in the 5th E.D. lying on the southerly right of way of Maryland Route 373 and on the westerly right of way of Middleton Road; same which grantor acquired by #3647:398.

#3647:398
10 Oct 1968
Deed

C. Calvert Lancaster and Melvin D. Hill to Ruth Fisher; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 sold by #1597:156) and one-half undivided interest in 12.41 acres, both in Piscataway E.D.; same which grantors acquired by deed to be recorded herewith.

#3647:395
10 Oct 1968
Deed

John T. Fisher, Jr. and Ruth Fisher, his wife, to C. Calvert Lancaster and Melvin D. Hill, joint tenants for the purpose of re-conveying; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre; same which grantors acquired by #2885:122.

#2885:122
1 Apr 1963
Deed

Joseph A. and Theresa Komenda to Ruth and John T. Fisher, Jr.; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre) and 12.41 acres, the two parcels involved in Equity B-8658; same which grantors acquired by deed recorded prior hereto.

#2885:119
1 Feb 1963
Deed

George T. Burroughs and Le Roy Pumphrey, trustees in Equity #B-8658 to Joseph Komenda; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre) for \$8,750. and 12.41 acres for \$10,250, both in Piscataway District; part of land described in #698:70.

Equity
#B-5658
8 May 1962

Alexander Middleton died intestate 6 Jan 1962 possessed of 2 tracts - acres and 12.41 acres, being part of AIX, in Piscataway. Inasmuch as the land was incapable of division, the heirs (his widow, brothers and sisters) petitioned for a decree ordering sale of the property. George Burroughs and Le Roy Pumphrey appointed trustees to hold public sale at which Joseph A. Komenda was the purchaser.

#698:70
17 Sep 1943
Deed

Alexander and Georgia F. Middleton to Alexander Middleton, Jr.; 2 acres and 200 acres known as AIX, both in Piscataway District; same which grantors acquired by #342:95 and #48:154.

- 2 -

#342:95 Nov. 1908 Deed	Olivia A. and Charles J. Edelin to Alexander Middleton; 2 acres known as Sharpersville; same which was described in deed of portion between Olivia A. Edelin et al and Alizine S. Middleton.
#48:154 22 Sept 1908 Deed of Partition	Alzine S. Middleton, Olivia A. and Charles A. Edelen and Georgia F. Middleton; Alzine, Olivia and Alexander being the heirs of Alexius L. Middleton; 200 acres called AIX, the same as described in a deed from "the heirs of Dr. Edward Hurtt to Dr. Alexius L. Middleton, "were conveyed to Alexander and 2 acres called SHARPERSVILLE were assigned to Alexander and Olivia as joint tenants in common.
HB#14:61 30 Aug 1878 Deed	For \$501 Joseph K. Roberts Jr., trustee in decree of Equity dated 28 Apr 1876, to Alexius L. Middleton in place of John H. Bocock, the highest bidder; 2 acres known as SHARPERSVILLE "of which a certain George H. Clements died seized".
Equity #1008 28 Apr 1876	George H. Clements died intestate in 1864. His heirs petitioned for court order to sell his property. On 29 May 1876 John B. Bocock was the highest bidder for 2 acres called SHARPERSVILLE.
FS #1:253 25 Oct 1864 Deed	For \$1,050 Philip Bealle to George H. Clements; 3 acres adjoining the lands of Edward Hurtt and others; same which grantor purchased from William H. Gwynn.
JBB#7:139 2 Dec 1850 Deed	For \$60. William H. and Jane Gwynn to Philip Bealle; 3 acres, part of St. Arby and St. Dorothy on the south side of the main road leading from Ft. Adams to the Cross Roads.

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LANCASTER
3295/400
12.25 A.
P.100

3.00A
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3.01 A.
P.75

P.98

ARTHUR L. DAVIS
3557/481
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P.2

BARBARA A.
ALESIRE
5577/189
14.94 A.
P.87

4138/975
1.58 A.
P.35

P/O
P.100

ROAD

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DAVID A.
LAMBERT, SR
5341/467
3.72 A.
P.83

JAS. K. HANCOCK
727-116
P.84

MIDDLETON ASS
LIMITED PARTNE
3869/451
272.80A.
P.42

MARZINA ROBINSON
742/371
6.50A.
P.34

5276/052
3.73 A.
P.82

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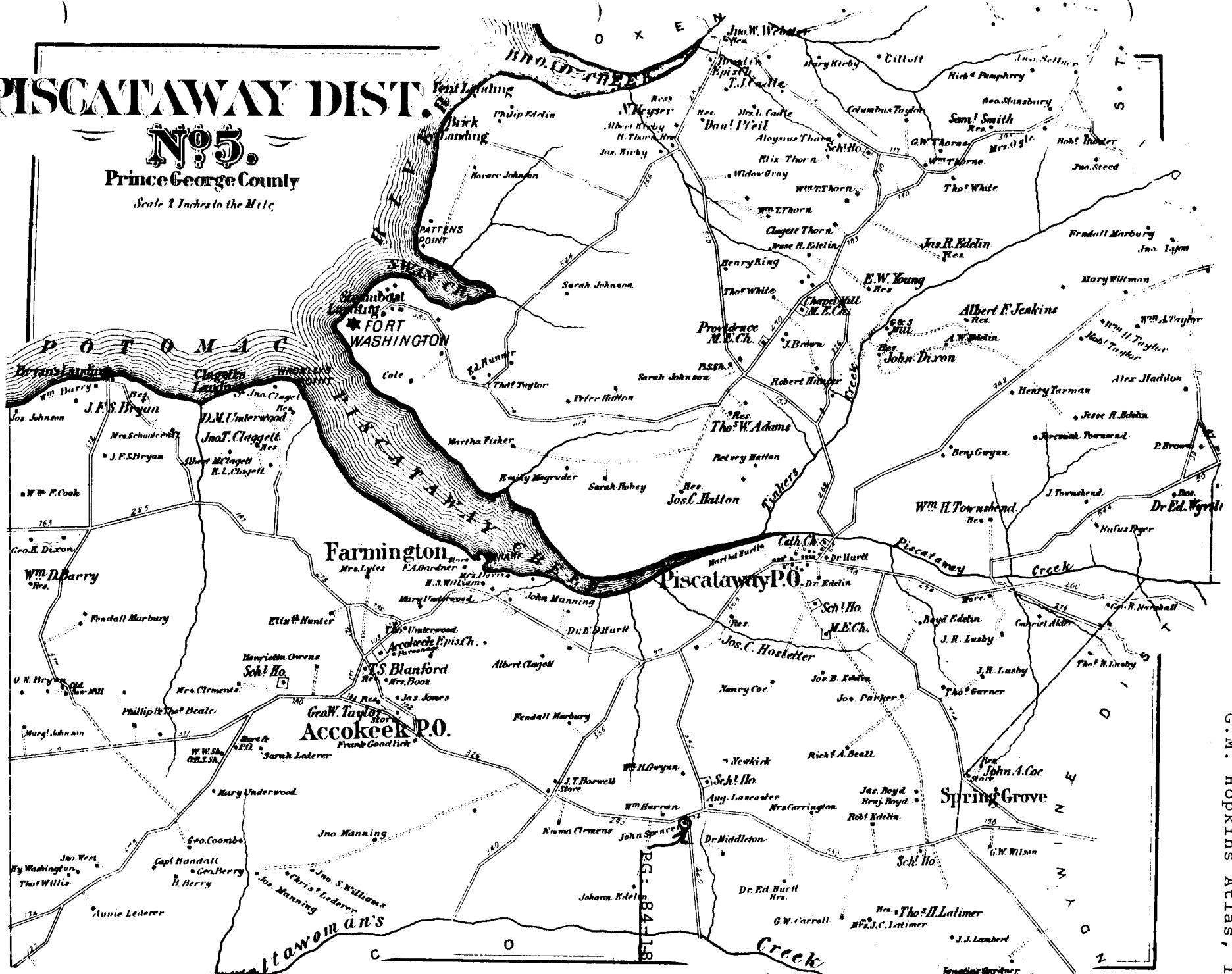
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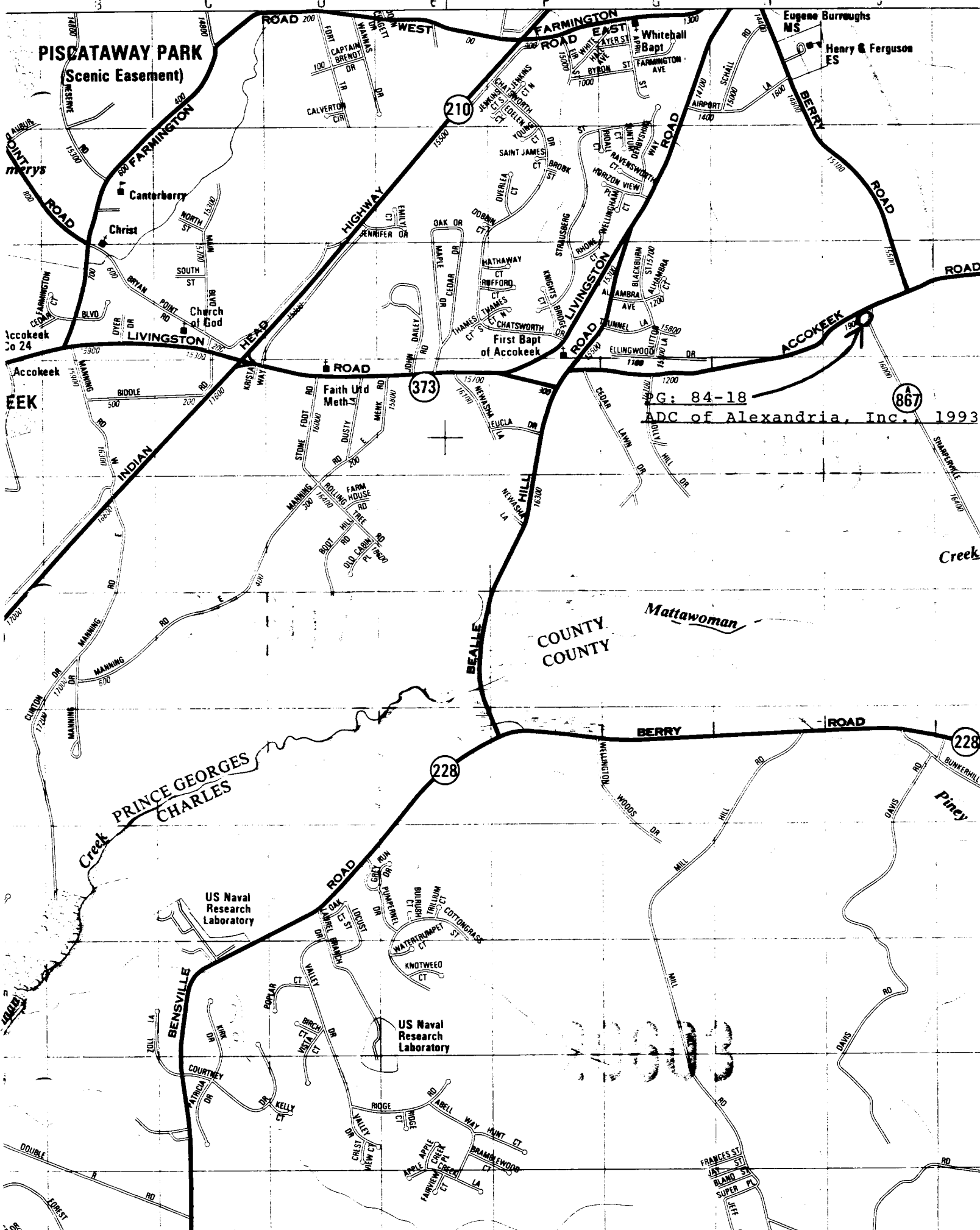
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No. 5.

Prince George County

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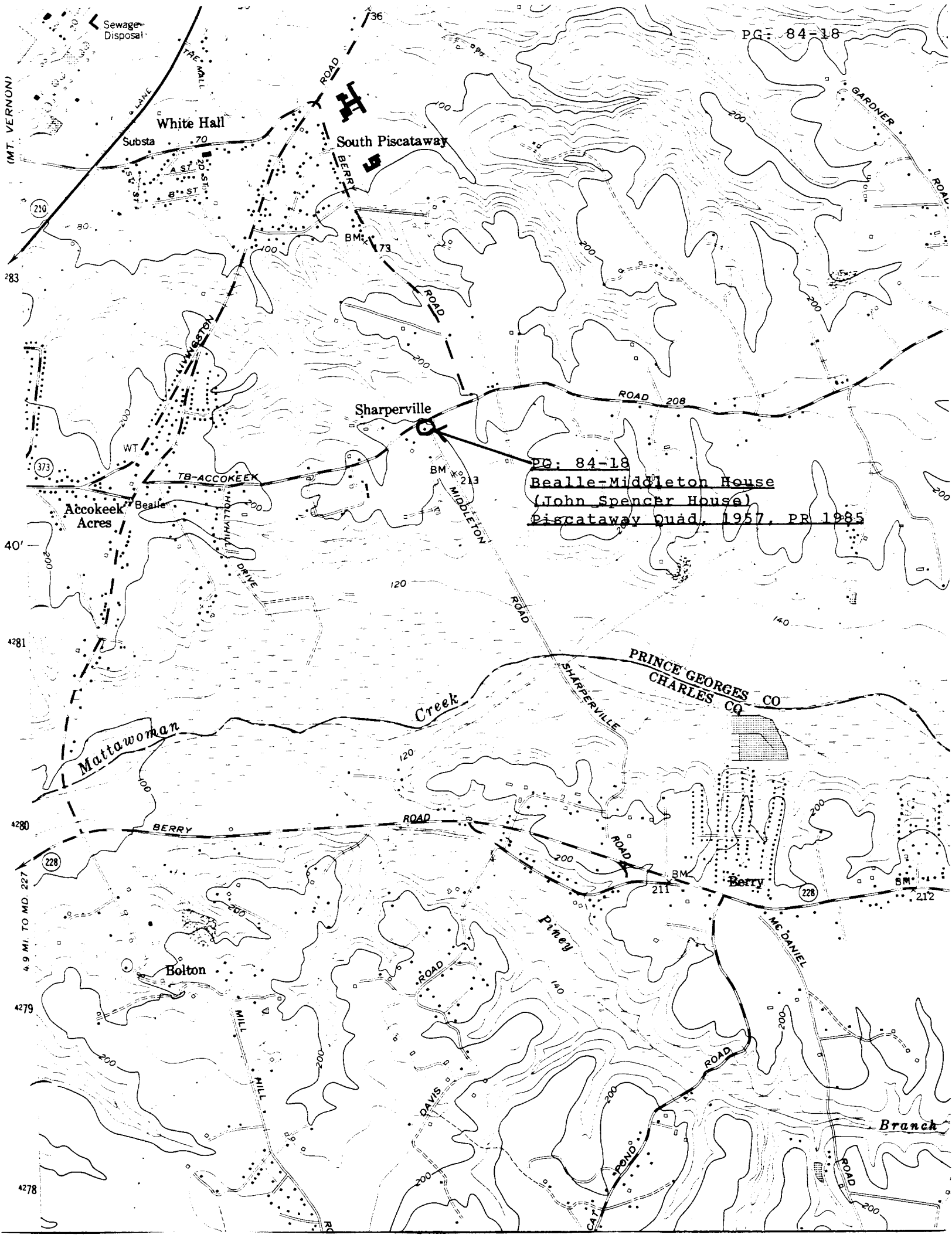
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Bealle-Middleton House

(John Spencer House)

Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985



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Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

Northeast elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

West elevation

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P.G. #84-18

Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

East entrance detail

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NAME JOHN SPENCER HOUSE #84-18
LOCATION T.B. - ACCOKEEK RD ACCOKEEK, MD
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PHOTO TAKEN 7/31/74 MDWYER